Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

June, 2006 Montana

Caseload

- •5,360 children were served this month in this program
- 3,065 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •11.4% of the families entered the program during this period
- · Yellowstone County accounted for 23.9% of all families served

Children

- •88.1% of children were served in licensed care
- •8.7% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 129 hours per month
- · School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 30.7% of all children served
- · White children accounted for 82.0% of all children served

Families

- •85.4% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 4.0% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- •89.3% of families were headed by a single parent
- •15.5% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$351 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.8% of the cost and the program paid 90.2%
- · Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$362
- · Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$331
- •71.0% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Roosevelt County at \$685 per child
- Madison County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Roosevelt County, where 52.9% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF